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PM/RSAT FOR KRISTEN DOWLEY AND TODD HUGHES

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SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFER: GOT REQUEST FOR APPROVAL
TO DONATE COBRA HELICOPTER SPARE PARTS TO PAKISTAN

¶1. This is an action request. Please see para 2.

¶2. The GOT, via diplomatic note 2009/ALGY/412568 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated September 17, has requested approval to donate spare Cobra helicopter parts to Pakistan. Original value of the parts is listed as USD 424,705.22 Post asks that the Department, in coordination with other appropriate agencies, review the GOT's request and inform post of a decision at the earliest opportunity. Full details of this request will be faxed to PM/RSAT. Post POC for this request is POL/MIL Deputy Kami Witmer.

¶3. Begin text of Diplomatic Note:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honor to request assistance in obtaining the US Government's approval for the donation of spare parts for Cobra helicopters, which had been purchased by the Turkish Government with National Budget Funds from the US through Foreign Military Sale method and now earmarked as excess defence article by the Army, to Pakistan.

Technical Information regarding the above mentioned spare parts is attached herewith.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ankara, 17 September 2009. End text.

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